Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

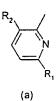
1. (Currently Amended) A compound of formula I

wherein

 R_a is H; C_{1-4} alkyl; or C_{1-4} alkyl substituted by OH, NH₂, NHC₁₋₄alkyl or N(di-C₁₋₄alkyl)₂;

R_b is H; halogen; C₁₋₆alkyl; or C₁₋₆alkoxy, and

R is a radical of formula (a)



wherein

R₁ is piperazine; and

each of R_2 and R_4 , independently, is H; halogen; C_{1-4} alkyl; C_{1-4} alkoxy; CF_3 ; nitrile; nitro or amino, or a salt thereof.

- 2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_a is H, methyl, ethyl, or isopropyl, or a salt thereof.
- 3. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R_b is H, Cl, methyl or ethyl, or a salt thereof.
- 4. (Previously Presented) A compound according to claim 1 wherein R₁ is a piperazinyl, substituted on a ring nitrogen or on a ring carbon, or a salt thereof.

- 5. (Previously Presented) A compound according claim 1 wherein R₂ is H, Cl, F, CF₃, nitrile, nitro or amino, or a salt thereof.
- 6. (Previously Presented) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula I according to claim 1, which process comprises reacting a compound of formula II

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wherein R_a and R_b are as defined in claim 1, with a compound of formula III

 $R - CH_2 - CO - NH_2$ (III)

wherein R is as defined in claim 1,

and, where required, converting the resulting compound of formula I obtained in free form to a salt form or vice versa, as appropriate.

- 7. (Previously Presented) A compound of formula I of claim 1, in free form or in a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form for use as a pharmaceutical.
- 8. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound of formula I of claim 1, in free form or in a pharmaceutically acceptable salt form, in association with a pharmaceutically acceptable diluent or carrier therefor.
- 9. (Cancelled).
- 10. (Previously Presented) A method for preventing or treating acute or chronic transplant rejection in a subject in need of such treatment, which method comprises administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.
- (Currently Amended) A method for preventing or treating T cell mediated inflammatory or autoimmune diseases acute or chronic transplant rejection, psoriasis, or uveitis, in a subject in need of such treatment, which method comprises

administering to said subject an effective amount of a compound of formula I of claim 1 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.